the Urdu Newspapers/periodicals published from Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Patna, Lucknow, Kanpur and Banaras during the period April to December 1988 was Rs. 37,53,516/-. Details are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Details of advertisements given to Urdu Newspapers/periodicals during the period April to Decemner, 1988

Place	No. of Urdu Newspapers/ periodicals	Amount (Rs.)
Bombay .	4	3,46,529.39
Banaras . .	3	74,710.49
Calcutta . .	13	4,47,625.55
Delhi . .	34	16,70,221.78
Kanpur . .	22	2,70,288.04
Lucknow . .	6	2,92,943.47
Patna . .	42	5,50,437.67
Madras . .	3	1,00,759.61
TOTAL .		37,53,516.00

Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Employees Union

2642. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Employees Union is not being given recognition inspite of the fact that Labour Commissioner, Delhi Administration has been recommending for it since October, 1987; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, the Labour Commissioner submitted his report on 28th October, 1987 recommending the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Employees Union for recognition. The matter has been placed before the Board of Directors of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation for a decision.

Transportation charges from FCI Godown Narela to Ration Shops

2643. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Chowrasia tendered rate of Rs. 3.33 per bag or transportation from FCI Godown Narela to Ration Shops, but he has been awarded the contract at the rates of Rs. 4.33 per bag thus causing loss to the Delhi Civil Supplies Corporation Limited; and

(b) what action Government propose to take against the officers involved in the above case?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Delhi Administration has stated that M/s. D.S. & Company in which Shri Chowrasia is one of the partners was initially awarded the contract for transportation and delivery of specified food articles from Narela godown to the Fair Price Shops of Circle No. 43 Rs. 3.33 per bag. However, later, M/s. D.S. and Company submitted that they would be able to do the work only if the work in respect of all the 5 circles attached with the Narela godown was assigned to them. This was considered irregular and the Management of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporaiton decided to withhold the earnest money of the Company and invited fresh tenders. On the basis of the fresh tenders, a contract was awarded to M/s. Chowrasia Transport Corporation

who quoted the lowest rate of Rs. 4.33 per bag. Shri Chowarsia is one of the partners of M/s. Chowrasia Transport Corporation also.

(b) In view of the above, Delhi Administration does not propose to take any action in this regard.

2644. [Transferred to the 28th March, 1989].

Updating of Rourkela Steel Plant

2645. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'FRG aid soon to update Rourkela Plant' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 27th January, 1989;

(b) if so, whether the West German Government have chalked out a plan for modernisation of the Rourkela Steel Plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the modernisation work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Modernisation plan for Rourkela Steel Plant has been drawn up by the Steel Authority of India Ltd., on the basis of a Detailed Project Report prepared by M/s. Dastur and Co.

It is envisaged to undertake the technological upgradation and renovation programme in two phases. While, the phase I, estimated to cost Rs. 415 crores based on Fourth Quarter 1986 prices, already stands sanctioned in June, 1988, the proposals regarding phase II are currently under examination. The work of phase I has already commenced.

Non-payment to revised rates of fees to casual Staff of regional stations of All India Radio

2646. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the revised rates of fees paid to casual Announcers of All India Radio of Main Station are not given to the casual Staff of regional Stations;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of infant foods

2647. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual production unitwise of the Infant Foods and various weaning foods including follow-up milks for the year 1985 and 1986; and

(b) whether the output of infant milk and various weaning foods registered any decline in 1988 from 1987 and if so, the percentage of decrease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The estimated production of Infant Milk Food and various weaning foods during the years 1985 and 1986 unitwise is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 14]. There is no specific milk based food item in the category of follow up milks meant for infants.

(b) No, Sir.